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Via ECFS Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street, S.W. Washington, D.C. 20554

## Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to 47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1

Dear FCC,

I want to emphasize how important a fair playing field and competitive market is for internet providers and how it has helped me and my family.

We had previously been consumers of DSL services from a local provider (DSLX) using unbundled ATT services. As our family grew and both of our children began to have more and more school projects requiring internet research, we needed to upgrade our service.

We have moved to fiber-based internet and has really been wonderful. Part of the reason it has been great has been the fantastic customer service provided by our local provider, Sonic. Additionally, they provide competitive telephone service which has been great.

Previously I had found the large, embedded, companies in the internet and telephone industries to provide non-competitive quality of service at inflated prices. Please continue to ensure that their is fair and open competition in the marketplace.

Regards.

Andrew Gordon